High Security Registration Plates

252. SHRI DATTA MAGHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has issued notice to Government regarding the implementation of the High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) system on motor vehicles;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) A notice has been issued by the Honble Supreme Court of India in the matter of the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 519 of 2005, filed by Shri Maninderjit Singh Bitta regarding non-implementation of High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) in the States. All the 35 States/U.Ts are respondents in this case besides Union of India.

(b) The matter is *sub-judice.*

Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway

253. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the budget and time frame to complete the Delhi-Gurgaon expressway on NH-8;

(b) what are the estimates regarding budget and time to complete the project;

(c) which company is responsible for the delay of project; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA):

(a) The estimated cost of the 6/8 laning of Delhi- Gurgaon Section was Rs. 555 crore inclusive of construction cost, financing cost, interest during

construction etc. The work was to be completed within 30 months from date of financial close i.e. by July 2005.

(b) The scope of work has since been enhanced. Revised cost estimate is under finalization. The project is likely to be substantially completed by December 2006.

(c) and (d) The delay is mainly attributed due to delay in transfer of land from Airport Authority of India, Ministry of Defence and State Government of Haryana and also due to delay in shifting of utilities.

Condition of National Highways

254. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways in the country particularly in southern States are in very bad condition;

(b) if so, the details of such NHs, State-wise;

(c) whether the recent heavy rain in some parts of the country has badly damaged the already damaged National Highways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken to repair these National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) No Sir, except some sections of National Highways No. 28A, 28B, 31, 77, 101, 106, 110 in Bihar, and some sections of National Highways No. 23 and 215 in Orissa which are in very bad condition.

(c) and (d) There have been damages like pot holes, cracks in road surface, erosion of berms and approaches, damages to cross drainage works and bridge structures including washing out of Baily/suspension bridges, washing out of road portions, land slides, settlement of roads etc. on various National Highways due to the recent rain/flood.

(e) Immediate restoration works like filling of pot holes, repair of patches, restoration of embankment, repair of cross drainage works, retaining walls and bridge structures, construction of diversion wherever required, etc.